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Letter dated 4 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 1 August 2000, I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to new violations of the Flight information Region (FIR) of Nicosia and the National Airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 2, 9, 16, 18, 21, 29 August as well as on 1, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24 September 2000.

On 2 August, one (1) cn-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

On 9 August, one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting towards a southeastern direction. The C-160 aircraft returned later on the same day (9 August) and entered once again the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 16 August, one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

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On 18 August, one (1) B-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning the next day (August 19) to the FIR of Ankara.

On 21 August, one (1) F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting towards a southeastern direction.

On 29 August, one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting towards a southeastern direction. The C-160 aircraft returned later on the same day (29 August) and entered again the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 1 September, one (1) F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 10 September, twenty (20 Turkish military aircraft, (16) F-16, (2) C-16, (1) C-130 and (1) CN-235), entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) Two (2) C-160 and one (1) C-130 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before exiting in a southeasterly direction from where they returned later on the same day.

(b) The CN-235 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

(c) Eight (8) F-16 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a southeasterly direction.

(d) Eight (8) F-16 entered the Nicosia FIR, violating the air traffic regulations before exiting in a southeasterly direction.

On 12 September, one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in southeastern direction. The same C-130 aircraft returned later, on the same day (29 August) and entered again the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 14 September, two (2) C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

On 15 September, fifteen (15) F-16 Turkish military aircraft, two (2) C-160, (1) C-130 and (1) CN-235) entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) Eight (8) F-16 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

b) Two (2) C-160 and one (1) C-130 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a southeasterly direction. They returned afterwards from the same direction.

(c) One (1) CN-235 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) and patrolling in a search-and-rescue mission before exiting.

On 18 September, one (1) BE-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

On 20 September, one (1) F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a southeasterly direction.

On 22 September, two (2) RF-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Kyrenia and then over the cease-fire line and the area controlled by the Republic of Cyprus, returning afterwards to the FIR of Ankara.

On 24 September, one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The aircraft returned to the FIR of Ankara on September 29.

While strongly protesting the above actions which violate international law, as well as the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus and calling for their cessation, I would like to draw your Excellency's attention to the fact that many of the aforementioned violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus have taken place during the last round of proximity talks under your auspices, in New York. Furthermore, I would like to express the hope that the necessary positive attitude will be shown by Turkey, so that the forthcoming round of proximity talks in Geneva next month, as well as all efforts for finding a just and viable solution of the Cyprus problem on the basis of United Nations resolutions, will not be adversely affected.

I shall be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 64, and of the Security Council.

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